

DR. ARTHUR JUKES JOHNSON, the representative of the Midland and York division in the Ontario Medical Council, has written to his constituents asking for their wishes and opinions with reference to subjects likely to be discussed at the coming annual meeting.

DR. W. H. ELLIS, professor of applied chemistry in the Medical Faculty of the University of Toronto, has gone to Europe.

DR. CHARLES W. DULLES has resigned the editorship of the *Medical and Surgical Reporter*, and been succeeded by Dr. Edward T. Reichert, professor of physiology in the University of Pennsylvania.

DR. A. O. HASTINGS sailed from New York for England, May 13th.

Therapeutic Notes.

POWDER FOR ACUTE ECZEMA.—*La Semaine Médical* gives the following prescription of Alexinski for this condition:

R.—Oxide of zinc	15 grains.
Subnitrate of bismuth	30 "
Powdered starch	1 ½ drs.
Powdered lycopodium	1 ½ drs.

This powder is to be dusted over the parts which are affected, night and morning.—*Med. News*.

LOCAL ANÆSTHESIA IN SMALL OPERATIONS.—Dobisch recommends to spray the skin with Richardson's apparatus for about a minute with the following mixture, if the operation is not to last more than from two to six minutes:

R.—Chloroformi,	10.0
Ætheris,	15.0
Menthol,	1.0

—*Edin. Med. Jour.*

Miscellaneous.

MEDICINE is fairly well represented in our legislative assemblies. There are 21 physicians in the Dominion Parliament and 11 in the Ontario Legislature.

A TREATMENT OF EPISTAXIS.—Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson has made a note in his *Archives of Surgery* of a treatment of epistaxis which, he avers, has never failed of success in his hands, and he has had many very rebellious cases. It consists in plunging the patient's feet and hands into water as hot as can be borne.—*New York Medical Journal*.

ONE of our practical country practitioners from one of the upper counties in this State was recently on a visit to New York, and, among the other wonders of Gotham, took in one of the gynecological clinics. It was one of the professor's field days, and, at the conclusion of a brilliant clinic, he asked Dr. F., "what he thought of medical matters in the metropolis?" Dr. F. replied: "Well, I would rather be a moonshiner down in Tennessee than a uterus up here in the hands of you New York doctors."—*Southern Practitioner*.

TO ABORT A BOIL.—The ointment of the nitrate of mercury is said to be an excellent application in the case of a commencing boil or felon, its early use in most cases sufficing to prevent the formation of the furuncle.

THE ordinary obstetric fee in some parts of China is, among the better classes, two dollars when a male child is delivered, one dollar for a female. Among the poorer classes the fee is one dollar for a boy and fifty cents for a girl.

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